

12947. Adulteration and misbranding of atropine sulphate, strychnine sulphate, morphine sulphate, codeine phosphate, strychnine nitrate, codeine sulphate, and nitroglycerin tablets. U. S. v. the Standard Laboratories, Inc., a Corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$750. (F. & D. No. 18764. I. S. Nos. 4754-v, 4755-v, 4756-v, 4757-v, 5362-v, 5363-v, 5364-v, 5642-v, 5643-v, 6719-v, 6723-v, 7383-v, 7384-v, 7386-v, 7387-v.)

On December 22, 1924, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Standard Laboratories, Inc., a corporation, Chicago, Ill., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, on or about November 12, 1923, from the State of Illinois into the State of Ohio, of quantities of atropine sulphate, strychnine sulphate, morphine sulphate, and codeine phosphate tablets, on or about October 19, 1923, from the State of Illinois into the State of Missouri, of quantities of codeine phosphate, morphine sulphate, and strychnine nitrate tablets, on or about October 22, 1923, from the State of Illinois into the State of Missouri, of quantities of atropine sulphate and morphine sulphate tablets, on or about October 29, 1923, from the State of Illinois into the State of Minnesota, of quantities of atropine sulphate and morphine sulphate tablets, and on or about November 19, 1923, from the State of Illinois into the State of Louisiana, of quantities of codeine sulphate, nitroglycerin, strychnine sulphate, and atropine sulphate tablets, all of which were adulterated and misbranded.

Analyses of samples of the articles by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the atropine sulphate tablets, labeled "1-100 Grain," averaged 0.0079, 0.00791, 0.0079, and 0.0078 grain, respectively, of atropine sulphate; the morphine sulphate tablets, labeled "1-4 gr.," averaged 0.222 and 0.225 grain, respectively, of morphine sulphate; the morphine sulphate tablets, labeled "1-2 Grain," averaged 0.445 and 0.38 grain, respectively, of morphine sulphate; the codeine phosphate tablets, labeled "1-4 Grain," averaged 0.222 and 0.22 grain, respectively, of codeine phosphate; the nitroglycerin tablets, labeled "1-100 Grain," averaged 0.0074 grain of nitroglycerin; the strychnine sulphate tablets, labeled "1-60 Grain," averaged 0.0135 grain of strychnine sulphate, and those labeled "1-30 Grain" averaged 0.026 grain of strychnine sulphate; the strychnine nitrate tablets, labeled "1-50 Grain," averaged 0.0174 grain of strychnine nitrate; the codeine sulphate tablets, labeled "1-2 Grain," averaged 0.4203 grain of codeine sulphate.

Adulteration of the articles was alleged in the information for the reason that their strength and purity fell below the professed standard and quality under which they were sold.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statements, to wit, "500 Tablets Atropine Sulphate 1-100 Grain," "25 Hypodermatic Tablets No. 2093 Strychnine Sulphate 1-60 Grain," "Poison 100 Poison Hypodermic Tablets No. 1220 Morphine Sulphate ½ Grain," "Poison 100 Poison Hypodermic Tablets No. 666 Codeine Phosphate 1-4 grain," "25 Hypodermic Tablets No. 666 Codeine Phosphate 1-4 Grain," "25 Hypodermic Tablets No. 1210 Morphine Sulphate 1-4 gr.," "25 Hypodermic Tablets No. 2045 Strychnine Nitrate 1-50 Grain," "Poison 100 Poison Hypodermic Tablets No. 1210 Morphine Sulphate 1-4 Grain," "100 Tablet Triturates No. 1221 Morphine Sulphate 1-2 Grain," "Poison 100 Poison Hypodermic Tablets No. 673 Codeine Sulphate 1-2 grain," "25 Hypodermic Tablets No. 1324 Nitroglycerin 1-100 grain," "25 Hypodermic Tablets No. 2119 Strychnine Sulphate 1-30 Grain," and "25 Hypodermic Tablets No. 279 Atropine Sulphate 1-100 Grain," borne on the labels affixed to the containers of the respective articles, were false and misleading, in that the said statements represented that the tablets contained the amounts of the respective articles declared on the said labels, whereas the said tablets in each instance contained less amounts than so declared.

On December 31, 1924, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$750.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

12948. Adulteration of shell eggs. U. S. v. Henry L. Lewis. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 17784. I. S. No. 6179-v.)

On May 6, 1924, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Henry L. Lewis, Street, Miss., alleging shipment by said defendant, in viola-